



BIKE PLAN NEWSLETTER

BICYCLE MASTER PLAN PROCESS IS UNDERWAY

The City of Durham has begun the process of preparing an updated bicycle master plan to address alternative transportation needs of city and county residents. The consultant team, lead by Greenways Incorporated (GWI) of Durham, includes Alta Planning & Design, Parsons Brinckerhoff and CLH Design. This team is working with the Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Durham residents, elected officials, and the Durham transportation department staff to prepare the plan. The goal is to prepare a master plan that will improve bicycle facilities throughout the community.

The work program for updating the bicycle master plan includes conducting a thorough analysis of current bicycle facilities throughout the city and county, examining laws, regulations, policies and programs that affect bicycling, forecasting bicycle facility demand to better understand future needs, preparing a new and improved

The City of Durham seeks to promote a bicycle-friendly environment in which streets, off-road paths, and public spaces encourage bicycling by offering convenience, safety, access and attractiveness. An important tool for promoting a more bikeable Durham is the creation of a vision, policies and design standards that increase bicycle safety and access.

route network plan for the community that will define the type of bicycle facilities that should be developed, preparing a detailed funding and phasing program and addressing ways to make bicycling a more integral part of Durham's transportation network.

GWI will facilitate three sets of public workshops for the bicycle master plan. Workshops will occur in January, March and May of 2006. The dates and locations for these workshops will be announced at a future date. Durham residents can keep up-to-date with the planning process by visiting the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory web site, www.bikewalkdurham.org.

The final product of the consultants work will be an action plan report, route network map and individual facility maps for each of the bicycle corridors identified within the plan. The bicycle master plan will be developed in accordance with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Office of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation, which is funding a majority of the work.



A variety of bicycle facilities will be developed as a result of the updating the Durham Bicycle Master Plan.



You are never too young to learn the proper way to ride a bike. Education, encouragement and enforcement will be components of the updated Durham Bicycle Master Plan.

Greenways Incorporated was selected as the lead consultant for the development of this plan due to their experience in the planning and design of bikeway, pedestrian, greenway, and multi-purpose trails plans in more than thirty two states and one hundred communities across the nation. Alta Planning is one of the most knowledgeable and experienced bicycle planning firms in the nation. Parsons Brinckerhoff is an international planning and engineering firm with a wealth of experience in transportation facilities of all kind. They are currently assisting Durham with its long range transportation improvement program. CLH Design is a woman-owned landscape architectural firm that has been working with Durham to assess and program public facility improvements in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

For more information, please visit:

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Public Workshops in January 2006

The first set of public workshops on the Durham Bicycle Master Plan will take place in early January 2006.

Please visit the following web site to keep up to date with the day, time and locations for all public workshops

www.bikewalkdurham.org



Durham has an established network of roads that support a variety of bicycle activities -- for touring or commuting. The goal of the plan is to improve bicycle facilities for all users.

